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Commission approves architect for ZC Senior Center project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners voted Monday, Nov. 28, to hire an architect for the Zion Chapel Senior Citizens Center project.

At the request of Commissioner Linda Westbrook, commissioners voted unanimously to approve Donofrio and Associates Architects Inc. of Dothan for the project.

In regards to other senior centers, county attorney Joe Cassidy said it seems that things are moving in the right direction to correct problems at Mount Pleasant and Ino.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said he knows representatives have been to Mount Pleasant, but he does not know

of any work being done yet. Cassidy said he will make contact again with the contractor and architect to see that work does take place.

Commissioners resolved an issue tabled during their previous meeting.

In regards to local legislation regarding poll workers pay, commissioners voted to remove from the table a motion to support that bill.

The motion was made by Commissioner Robert Stephens who also offered an amendment to the motion. In the amendment, Stephens said if state legislation passes on this matter that the local bill becomes null and void.

The amendment and motion both passed.

County extension coordinator Stan Windham addressed commissioners Monday morning

asking them to make plans to attend the next scheduled county advisory council meeting. He said the meeting will be Jan. 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Windham said he thought the last meeting went really well with good quality discussions.

Commissioner Jim Thompson offered a motion that the commission approve a resolution transferring \$1,624,893 from landfill funds into a trust fund to be handled by Regions Bank. The motion also called for attorney Doug Pittman to oversee the trust fund.

After commissioners approved that motion, Thompson made another to approve a resolution calling for \$1 per ton to be set aside and placed in the trust fund account. These funds will be deposited quarterly.

This motion also was

approved by commissioners.

In other business, commissioners:

* Approved a motion allowing Wooten Chapel Assembly of God Church to rent the farm center Wednesday, Dec. 21, for a church Christmas party.

* Approved a final plat contingent upon one signature for Hampton Place Phase II. This was a recommendation of county engineer Randy Tindell.

* Approved a motion supporting the redrawing of one voting line in District Two. Commissioner J.L. Weeks asked for this approval. He said the information will be sent to the justice department for final approval.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Dec. 12, at 9 a.m.

* Note: During the previous Commission meeting, a vote regarding funds for the Coffee County EMS was defeated. The motion called for the budgeted amount for the EMS to be returned to \$39,000. The budget already included \$33,000 for EMS this year; therefore, the defeated motion only involved \$6,000 in funds. The \$6,000 was removed from the budget last year for other reasons. According to Commissioner Linda Westbrook, an oversight kept it from being included again this year. She said the motion was an attempt to correct that oversight, but commissioner voted not to amend the budget to include the additional \$6,000.



FESTIVAL SIGHTS... Holiday music, jolly friends and funnel cakes can mean only one thing...the Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted the 18th Annual Elba Christmas Festival last Saturday, Nov. 26. The weather was perfect for an event that has been marred by rain and cold the past few years, and local residents showed their appreciation to "Mother Nature" as they came out in large numbers to enjoy the 2005 event. The day included local entertainment, shopping with vendors, fellowship with family and friends and lots of good food. One weather was always enjoyed by festival attendees is funnel cakes. Debra Rivera (above) had her sights on one before noon. While she is in the kitchen, she was found with friends watching the Dixie Darlings cloggers. Rivera looked like a pro keeping the cake's powdered sugar from getting everywhere - always a difficult task. Additional sights from the festival can be found on Page 8 of today's paper.

Elba Police make arrests

Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey reports the arrests of two local residents.

On Thursday, Nov. 17, Hanchey said officers were attempting to serve a warrant at a local residence. While trying to make an arrest, he said officer Tim Jeter sustained an injury to both his hand and foot.

The injury to the officer led to the arrest of Joni Reed of Elba. Hanchey said she was charged with assault - second degree and resisting arrest.

In a separate case, Hanchey said Investigator Tony Harrison recently received a tip that led to the arrest of 22-year-old Micheal Reed of 429 Plant St., Elba.

Hanchey said Reed was charged with possession of marijuana - second degree and possession of a controlled substance.

Chief Hanchey said officers continue to work towards the capture and arrest of criminals within the area. Anyone with information that could lead to the arrest of those involved with illegal activities should call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.



SANTA HELPS ELBA OPEN HOLIDAY SEASON... Santa Claus took his normal seat atop an Elba fire truck last Saturday evening, Nov. 26, for the annual Elba Christmas Parade. For years, Santa has been a huge attraction at the parade with his appearance signifying the beginning of the holidays in Elba. While he waves to the people gathered along the downtown streets, his friends from the Elba Fire Department treat parade watchers with showers of candy. Since Santa comes towards the end of the parade, those excited to see him had to wait a bit this year as the Elba Christmas Parade included more than 60 entries. Many churches, clubs, businesses and civic organizations took part in the annual event that seems to always bring smiles to both the young and old. Additional scenes from this year's parade can be found on Page 9 of today's paper.

Angel Tree decorated with youthful Christmas wishes

Christmas is a season for making wishes come true. This is especially important for children.

Every year, New Seasons

Study Club invites the community to participate in providing Christmas gifts for Elba's foster children. This year is no

different. The children have already created their wish lists, each gift is listed on an Angel and is hanging on the Christmas tree in the lobby of The Peoples Bank. All that is left is for local citizens to come by and be an angel for one of Elba's foster children.

Those wanted to join New Seasons Study Club in assisting with Christmas gifts for these children, should drop by The Peoples Bank, choose an Angel from the tree and purchase the item listed. Bring the purchased gift and the Angel back to the bank by Friday, Dec. 16, so that gifts may be wrapped and delivered.

Share a blessing with a child this season by being a Christmas Angel. For more information call Julie Holley at 897-2843.



Angle Anderson chooses an "angel" from the Angel Tree located in the lobby of The Peoples Bank in Elba. Local citizens support of the Angel Tree, sponsored by the New Seasons Study Club, will help to make Christmas dreams come true for local foster children.

Elba Police investigating ring disappearance

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Police Department this week is seeking the help of local citizens.

Elba, Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said his department

currently is investigating the disappearance of a local resident's ring recently reported missing.

Hanchey said the ring is a ladies platinum diamond ring containing: one center round brilliant diamond at 4.58 carats. Ideal make, color K, clarity VS2, two side tapered baguette diamonds at one carat total weight, finest white, VS. all leading to the recovery of the ring.



This sketch gives an idea the ring's design. Being platinum, the ring would be white in color possibly with the word platinum or plat stamped on inside of ring.

Investigator Andy Gunter, Investigator Tony Harrison or Chief

Hanchey. According to the chief, a substantial award is being offered for information leading to the recovery of the ring.

During Elba City Council meeting

City clerk reports demolition work still underway at old high school

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council took a break from regular meeting business Monday, Nov. 28, to hold a public hearing on a CDBG grant project on

Downtown Revitalization.

Joe Veres, who did the planning for the project, was present with plans, drawings and answers for interested citizens. However there were no citizens present except city officials and a lone news media representative.

This hearing was only on the planning part of the project. The next phase, scheduled in 2006, should get underway within a few months, according to Mayor James Grimes.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that the demolition work at the old school is progressing well. He cautioned that the area is still dangerous and citizens should not go around the work area. Grantham also announced that the new truck for the recreation department is in service and that an older, potentially unsafe vehicle had been removed from the streets of Elba.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchey reported only routine activity in the department during the past two weeks.

Grimes announced a council member workshop for Monday evening, December 5th. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in city hall.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Dec. 1, at 3:30 p.m. at the board office in Elba.

THE 188 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON enters its final week of play this week with the Brantley Bulldogs taking on the Addison Bulldogs in the Class 1A championship game Friday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m. at Birmingham's Legion Field.

THE ANNUAL NEW ROCKYTON CHRISTMAS PARADE will be Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m.

THE LETTERMEN will be in concert at the Elba High School auditorium Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. and are being sponsored by The Coffee County Arts Alliance. Tickets available in Elba at Brantley's Florist & Gift.

THERE WILL BE AN OPEN HOUSE MEETING for the Vision 2006 at the Elba Chamber, 373 W. Washington St., on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2006 at 6 p.m. at the Clayhatchee Community House. There will be potluck supper that night. All members and their families are encouraged to attend. Opened are welcome. For more information call 298-8804 or 367-1525.

ALERT

The Elba Police Department urges residents to remember that while it is the season for giving, it also is the season of increased burglaries.

Officers ask all residents to take extra precautions during this time of year to protect their home and belongings.

Residents should securely lock their homes and vehicles when unoccupied. Also, report any suspicious vehicles or persons.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

A former middle school teacher in the Tampa, Fla. area, recently pleaded guilty to charges stemming from her having had a sexual relationship with a 14-year-old male student. The plea bargain enables her to avoid prison. As part of the deal, she has to serve three years under house arrest and seven years on probation. She was also stripped of her teaching license and must register as a sex offender. Also her husband ended what he had thought was a great marriage. That all sounds fine to us at first blush but after hearing comments of some of the complainers, they may have a point. Had the tables been reversed the male teacher would probably have been put in jail for many, many years and he dare not apply for parole. . .

...ever. The argument against this plea bargain included comments about "a pretty woman getting away with a slap on the hand." Of course bystanders can complain all day, but it is a done deal and her lawyer reports the woman is getting some necessary (and required by the court) treatment for a mental problem, etc.

"STAR Coaching equips coaches to teach student athletes and parents how to think like good sports, using tactics that are easily retained and transferred into real-life situations. Included are tools to deal with confrontational parents, methods to display respect for officials, and how to deal with players who have a win-at-all-costs mentality." That quote is from a news release from the Alabama High School Athletic Association announcing a new program to teach coaches to show students how to be good sports. Another stated mission was to address the attitudes of students who believe in "winning at any costs." Well, they are sending the right folks to school. It is frightening to think that the very people who should be training these children to aspire for higher goals are all too often the very ones encouraging the "win at any cost mentality." To many of them it is their whole career that is on the line. It is also encouraging to read that part of this program deals with controlling adults who are . . . well, confrontational.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Nov. 21, 2005, investigated the following incidents: one property damage, one criminal trespassing, one breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, two for theft of property, one harassing communications, one possession of a controlled substance, two for possession of marijuana, two for burglary, one domestic violence, two for assault, two for harassment, one disorderly conduct and one criminal mischief.

The following arrests were made: two for failure to appear, two for assault, one for criminal trespassing, one for menacing, one for possession of a controlled substance, three for possession of marijuana, one for domestic violence and one for disorderly conduct.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for speeding, three for no insurance, one for running a red light, one for no child restraint and one for passing in a no passing zone.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, NOV. 21 - River stage - 7.97 feet (7:00 a.m.); TUESDAY, NOV. 22 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1620 Boswell St. (10:26 p.m.); THURSDAY, NOV. 24 - Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (8:06 a.m.);

Domestic disturbance reported at 1310 Smith Ave. (2:34 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 618 Mullins Circle (9:51 p.m.); FRIDAY, NOV. 25 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 6140 County Rd. 239 (1:05 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2223 County Rd. 209 (4:50 p.m.); One-vehicle accident reported on Old Samson Rd. (5:30 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck on Old Samson Rd. (5:34 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Old Samson Rd. (5:34 p.m.); Possible domestic disturbance reported at 1320 Jones St. (7:11 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at the Beaver Dam Apts. (11:17 p.m.);

SATURDAY, NOV. 26 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2269 County Rd. 316 (7:47 a.m.); River stage - 7.97 feet (8:27 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1115 Deal St. (11:31 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (5:24 p.m.); SUNDAY, NOV. 27 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a trailer fire at 639 Thomas St. (12:14 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 639 Thomas St. (12:14 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1565 Highland Dr. (6:34 p.m.); Burglary reported at the chamber of commerce office (8:28 p.m.);

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Elba Christmas Festival full of food, fun, family, friends and a few surprises

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The weather finally cooperated for the Elba Christmas Festival! And, what a great day it turned out to be as everyone seemed to really enjoy this year's event!

I can still remember running for shelter last year around Noon as the old saying "the bottom fell out" became reality. Well, the bottom stayed where it belonged this year and the folks who work so hard to bring us the annual Elba Christmas Festival couldn't have asked in my opinion for a better day.

I don't know if it was just me, but everything about the day seemed to go well. There was plenty, and I mean plenty, of good food to choose from, lots of vendors with good deals available for the shoppers and plenty of opportunities for family and friends to enjoy

and outing together.

I especially enjoyed the family and friends part as I spent most of the day roaming around socializing with others. As always, I looked forward to seeing my local aunts, uncles and cousins at the festival. Oh yeah, Dad and Latisha were there too. They took turns making trips around the square with me as I took pictures for the paper, but at one point in the day, I got quite the surprise.

I was holding a conversation with someone when my dad motioned for me to come over. He was insistent, so, I made my way to him.

To my surprise, he had ran into a cousin of mine from Luverne. His daughter, Laken, was getting ready to perform with the Shabang dance team. It was such a surprise that when Dad said Laken was going to perform, I asked who's Laken. Then, I saw my cousin Tim.

Guess it goes to show you never know who the Christmas Festival might attract to our great city.

Hats off to all those who helped make this year's Christmas Festival and Parade a huge success. I think both were great and can't remember when I enjoyed them quite as much!



The Elba Christmas Festival pageant was held in early November, and queens were recognized last Saturday during the annual Christmas Festival. Queens present of recognition were Brayton Martin, Petite Miss; Venecia Magwood, Mini Miss; Caitlyn Sierra Gideon, Baby Miss; and Enley Brooke Carley, Tiny Tot Miss.



Laken, daughter of Tim and Cindy Sipper, performed with the Shabang Dance Team last Saturday during the Christmas Festival.

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Obituaries

SAMUEL D. HOLLAND
Dr. Samuel D. "Sam" Holland, DVM, age 58, of Ocala, Fla., died Friday, Nov. 18, 2005 at Ocala Regional Medical Center.

Sam was a member of the U.S. Army during Vietnam.

Funeral services were held Nov. 23, 2005 at Maricamp Road Church of Christ with Pastor Jeff Robison officiating. Burial followed at Wildwood Cemetery of Bartow, Fla. with Roberts Bruce East Chapel directing.

Survivors include his wife: Linda English-Holland, Ocala; one brother: Carl F. Holland, Bartow; his mother: Helen A. Holland Small, Bartow; and a mother-in-law: Mary Jo English, Gainesville, Fla.

MARVIN BRYANT SR.

Marvin Bryant Sr., age 64, died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005. Funeral services were held Nov. 21, 2005 at Sixth Avenue Baptist Church with Rev. E.L. Powell officiating. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Bobbie Jean Bryant; two daughters: Belinda Gail (Kirkland) De Vaughn and Barbara Annette (Randall) Bryant, both of Enterprise, Ala.; two sons: Edward Charles (Shelia) Bryant, Jacksonville, Fla.; Marvin Bryant Jr., Florida,

Ala.; one sister: Ethrine Bryant, Florida; four brothers: Willie C. (Catherine) Bryant, Jimmy (Sandra) Bryant, both of Florida; Bob (Edna) Bryant, Ft. Myers, Fla.; James (Ann) Bryant, Sarasota, Fla.; sisters-in-law: Debra Bryant, Ft. Walton, Fla.; Hattie Appkins, Florida; Debra Lewis, Ft. Worth, Texas; brother-in-law: Kenneth (Mary) Osborne, Decatur, Ga.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

SHEDRICK RANDY ARMOUR
Mr. Shedrick Randy Armour, age 19, of Daleville, Ala., died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005.

Funeral services were held Nov. 23, 2005 at Daleville High School Gymnasium with Reverend C.C. Hammond officiating. Burial followed with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his mother: Mischela A. McCutchen, Daleville, Ala.; his father: McKinley P. Grant III, New Orleans, La.; his step-

father: Fredrick McCutchen, Iraq; two brothers: Emory Armour, Ozark, Ala.; Seaman McKinley Armour, USS Truman-Norfolk, Va.; three sisters: Sienn Armour, Miki Armour, Dothan, Ala.; Shawanna Washington, New Orleans; and granddaughters: Augustine Greenwood, McKinley Grant Jr., Augustine Cobette and Mitchell Armour, all of New Orleans.

CHRISTINE SANDERS

Mrs. Christine Sanders, age 80, of Birmingham, Ala., died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005 at Baptist Medical Center, Princeton, Birmingham.

Funeral services were held with Rev. McCloud and Rev. Carlos Sanders officiating. Burial followed at Lockhart Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Services directing.

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one daughter and two sons. Survivors include one sister: Bobbie Tyson, Florida, Ala.; one brother-in-law: James L. Hill, Mary Esther, Fla.; three sisters-in-law: Alberta Hill, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; Joniece Hill, Dera Beach, Fla.; Thelma Jean Goldsmith, Florida, Ala.; two daughters: Glennie (Julius) Turner, Birmingham, Judy Logan, Opp, Ala.; two sons: Eddie (Carolyn) Hill, Enterprise, Ala.; Carlos (Irish)

Sanders, Tacoma, Wash.; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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"To be good is noble, but to teach others how to be good is nobler--and less trouble."

Mark Twain, Doctor Van Dyke speech, 1906.

Sam was only eleven when his father died in 1847. Within a year, he was forced to end his formal education and become a printer's apprentice under his older brother, Orion. At work, he helped print other people's words for the world to read. Years later, others would print his words for the world to read. In his twilight years, his lifetime of words had so affected the world that Yale University, the University of Missouri, and Oxford University in England all awarded him honorary degrees.

His story of a young man growing up in Missouri remains the seventh most purchased book by libraries in the United States, ranking behind only such works as the Bible, Homer, and the Iliad. Between 1990 and 2000, its presence on library shelves was protested more often

than all but four other books in the world. The book is *Huckleberry Finn*. The author's family knew him as Sam Clemens. The world however, knows him as Mark Twain.

Sam was born on November 30, 1835, while his family lived in Florida, a little community of twenty-one homes on the Salt River in rural Missouri. Before Sam turned four, they moved to

LIFESTYLES

Coffee County Education Retirees' hold October meeting at the New Brockton Farm Center Community Room

The Coffee County Education Retirees' Association held its second meeting on October 11, 2005 at the New Brockton Farm Center Community Room. President Judy Killingsworth welcomed the retirees, and the inspirational moment was given by Pearl Kent. Barbara Arnold, Vice-President, introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Joseph Talmadge, former president of Enterprise Ozark.

Community College. Dr. Talmadge presented an educational and entertaining historical view of the college. After the luncheon, President Judy Killingsworth conducted the business session and encouraged each retiree to help reach the goal of 220 members for this year.

Hosts and hostesses for the meeting were Brenda Baston, Sandra Bacon, Trish Clark,

Yvonne DeRamus, Dot Ellis, Loretta and Z.L. Fleming, Calvin Garth, Gail Helms, Rhetta Johnson, and Syble Nolin. Fresh Wave Dental Care P.C. of Enterprise was the corporate sponsor. The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 10:40 a.m. in the Enterprise High School auditorium with the EHS Encores performing. The luncheon will follow at St. Luke Methodist Church.

Christmas activities to be held in New Brockton this Saturday, December 3rd

The Town of New Brockton will be hosting several Christmas activities on December 3, 2005. Activities begin with Open House and Refreshments at Gathering on 105 N. Lee Street, behind First Baptist, The Brock House on 201 N. John Street, one block from traffic light; New Brockton Florist & Gift, at traf-

fic light; The Senior Center, Vester Cole St., Behind Big/Little; and Old School Building, corner of Church & Dawkins, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

The Christmas Parade will be at 4 p.m. The Parade will start from the Elementary School down N. John, left on King, right on Dawkins, right on

The Lettermen to be in concert at The Elba High School Auditorium Tuesday, December 13th

Enjoy one of America's premier vocal groups of the late 1950's and 1960's, The Lettermen, in a holiday concert. With 70 albums to their credit and known for their letter sweaters and harmonious love ballads, they will have you humming along to such great songs as, "The Way You Look Tonight," "When I Fall In Love," "Portals of My Love," "Theme from 'A Summer Place,'" "She Cried," "Goin' Out Of My Head/Can't Take My Eyes Off

You," and "Smile." Holiday selections such as "White Christmas," "Let It Snow," "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and "Little Drummer Boy" will be featured. Visit www.coffeecountyretirees.com or call 334-406-1617.

This holiday show is being brought to Elba by The Coffee County Arts Alliance and will be held in the Elba High School Auditorium on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket outlets include:

New honor society chartered at Troy University recently

A new honor society that emphasizes scholarship and career planning and development has received its charter at Troy University, with 220 students inducted into membership.

The honor society, Delta Epsilon Iota, focuses on preparing outstanding students to build strong careers, according to Judy Skipworth, career services coordinator at TROY, who is chapter adviser.

"Delta Epsilon Iota emphasizes membership service and prepares students for life," Skipworth said.

Public comment solicited regarding draft watershed management plan for the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers

The Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Clean Water Partnership (CYPWCP), a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, protection and promotion of water quality, requests public comment regarding the Draft Watershed Management Plan for the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed.

The objective of the plan is to address water quality problems and issues caused by polluted runoff with input and solutions from local industries, citizens, watershed groups, and public

officials. Examples of the issues addressed in the plan are sedimentation, failing septic systems, agricultural/silvicultural and urban stormwater runoff, threatened/endangered species, illegal dumping, nutrients and the overall lack of public education regarding our waterways.

This document can be viewed online at: <http://www.cypwcp.com> or by fax 334-527-3584 or by mail 7708 Branley Highway, Branley, AL 36009

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Dale, Pike, and Houston Counties and Public Libraries in: Andalusia, Daleville, Dothan, Enterprise, Luverne, Ozark, Troy.

Anyone unable to locate a copy of the document, may contact Lisa N. Harris at 334-527-3584. To be considered, all comments regarding the watershed plan must be submitted in writing, on or before December 28, 2005 to: Lisa N. Harris at lharris@troyable.net or by fax 334-527-3584 or by mail 7708 Branley Highway, Branley, AL 36009

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Isaac Watkins

Isaac Watkins is four years old

Isaac Watkins turned four years old on November 24, 2005. Because Isaac's birthday was on Thanksgiving Day this year, a birthday party was celebrated for him November 17, at the day care where he attends. The theme was Batman. Isaac's parents are Sylvia and Dexter Watkins of Elba.

He is the grandson of Willie Mack Dubose and the late Phillip Dubose of Opp, Ala. and Hazel and James Watkins of Repton, Ala.

Republican Women of Coffee County to meet December 7th

Republican Women of Coffee County will be meeting at the Rawls on Main St., Wednesday, December 7th at 11:30 AM for their luncheon meeting.

Alabama Federation of Republican Women president, Virginia Howard, will install the new RWCC officers. There will also be an "elephant" gift exchange. Potential members are encouraged to come to this meeting and join the club. The menu will be a buffet and drink for \$8.00 inclusive.

The public is invited. For reservations call Fay McCrary at 393-0471.

Chickenfoot domino tournament held at Pine Level Senior Citizen Center

The Pine Level Senior Center held its first annual chickenfoot domino tournament recently. Double twos were the dominoes of choice.

The tournament started with 21 people. After the first round of four games it was cut down to two semi final games consisting of six people each. The top three from each game advanced to the championship game.

Chickenfoot has replaced the old regular domino game as the senior's favorite. Pine Level plays with double twos, ninety-two dominoes. It is called chickenfoot because the dominoes look like a chicken foot as the games is played. It is played almost every morning at the center.

Durrell Galimore was the 2005 champion. He has been playing for 4 years.

The Thanksgiving meeting for the AARP was held November 15th

The Elba AARP held its Thanksgiving Dinner meeting on November 15, 2005 at the Senior Center. The hostesses, Joe & Martha Guerrero, Junior & Grace Culver, and Minnie Ruth Crook, had the hall decorated with the fall festival theme.

A short devotional was given by Syble Hahn, president. Nell Gilmer, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the state of officers for the 2006 club year. They will be installed at the December meeting.

Experience the Sounds of the Season at Troy University December 6th

The holiday spirit comes alive at Troy University at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at the J.M. Long School of Music presents its Sounds of the Season: Voices and Brass holiday concert in the Claudia Crosby Theatre.

The evening features performances by the College Singers, Chamber Choir, Dazzlers' Show Choir, Gospel Singers, Women's Madrigals, Trumpet Ensemble and the Brass Quintet.

Featured solos include "O Holy Night" and "O Lord Most Holy." Ageless carols will include "Deck the Halls," "Hark! The Herald" and "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

Tickets can be purchased at the door. Students are admitted free.

Fort Rucker MOAA Chapter to hold Christmas formal

The Fort Rucker chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its annual Christmas formal dinner Dec. 21 at Fort Rucker's Aviators' Landing.

An evening of dining, merriment and entertainment by the three lady band "Fertile Ground" is planned.

Perfect gift for college student is tuition for Spring Semester classes

With Christmas approaching, the perfect gift for the college student in your family would be tuition for Spring Semester at Enterprise-Ozark Community College. No better gift exists than a contribution toward the future in someone's life. And if your college student already

attends on a scholarship, there are the expenses of books and supplies. To find out more about how to pay for tuition, books, fees, or supplies at EOCC, call (334) 347-2623.

Spring Semester classes begin January 9.

American sign language classes to be begin

An American Sign Language class will be held January 10, 2006 on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will take place at the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind Dothan Regional Center in

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Mt. Zion to host benefit singing Saturday, December 10

Mt. Zion Baptist Church will be hosting The Franklins and The Monticello Bluegrass for a benefit gospel singing. This benefit singing is to help complete the new donation to the Fellowship Hall.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Roger Miller
Elba 1st Baptist Church

A few things caught my attention Thanksgiving weekend. The first was one I don't recommend for anyone. The stomach bug visited our home and I can assure you it won't be welcomed back. The other one was the gesture made by our President. President Bush pardoned two turkeys on death row. They were not really hardened criminals. They were actually two live butters. Their names are Marshmallow and Yam. I am sure they would have made a fine meal but what the heck. I am glad to know that they will get to strut a few more years. The last item that caught my attention involves the use of the phrase, "Merry Christmas." It seems someone is offended by it. What doesn't offend someone today? They think we should change it to "Happy Holidays." It is about time for the real church to identify themselves to the world. Christians need to stop allowing the bully tactics of organizations such as the ACLU to be a voice for every disgruntled individual who wants to defy Christianity. I am amazed at how a few can silence so many. It is as if the world has been lulled into a deep sleep. Remember this: Satan is never too busy to rock the cradle of a sleeping Christian.

The Dixie Echoes and The Dyess Family will be in concert at Country Cathedral on December 10th

The Dixie Echoes and the Dyess Family will be in concert December 10, 2005, Saturday, at Country Cathedral, located on

U.S. Hwy 84 6 miles east of Opp, Ala. The concert will start at 7 p.m. No admission charge.

St. Luke United Methodist Church is sponsoring Live Nativity December 10-11 in Enterprise

St. Luke United Methodist Church is sponsoring a drive-through Live Nativity (9 scenes) Saturday/Sunday, December 10-11 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

An Enterprise tradition since 1993, the nine scenes encourage the visitor to go back in time to Caesar's castle. Mary and Joseph's journey, shepherds and angels, Herod's palace, the inn in Bethlehem and finally, the nativity scene in the stable. St. Luke families in colorful costumes and settings with music and live animals portray the familiar biblical scenes.

The scenes are viewed by driving through the church park-

ing lot. St. Luke is located behind Enterprise High School on Heath Street.

The Live Nativity is a gift from St. Luke United Methodist to the community. Everyone is invited to come and share in this celebration of Christmas.

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***THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Rev. Mary Bates, Rev. Neomi Brown, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Rev. Bruce Ingram, Lizzie Tyson, The Jones & Brooks Families, Rev. Charles Lane, Catherine Walters, Evelyn Brown, Rev. John L. Grayer, Cleve M. Davis, Johnnie Ruth Belcher.

***SAINTS WITH PURPOSE MINISTRIES: Saints with purpose ministries present "Bringing the Gifts Alive Conference '05" on December 7th-9th. This will be held at the Southeast District Convention Building, On Dec. 7th at 7 p.m. with Youth Expanding on the Gifts Youth Choirs and Praise Teams invited to attend. The speakers will be Lashonda Cole of Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. of Elba, Minister Brian Luckett of Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. of Elba, Min. Kelvin Burks of New Beginnings Worship Center of Mobile, Thursday on December 8th at 7 p.m. there will be an evangelist, Pamela Mitchell of Oak Grove MB Church, On Friday Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. Elder Ryan Hugley of Highpoint Apostolic Church of Smyrna, Ga. will be speaking. December 10th at 6 p.m. there will be a Musical with

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church Minister Roderick Ridenour and The Anointed Voices. Endurance Music Ministry and more to come. All choirs, group, or praise team are invited to join the musical program. For more information contact Kelvin Burks at (251) 656-8902 or Sabrina Thomas at (334) 566-1035.

***VISITORS: During the Thanksgiving holidays friends and Lillian Finch of Syracuse, NY visited Eria Lindsay Belcher of Elba. On Thanksgiving Day dinner was served in the home of Eria Lindsey Belcher, prepared by Ernestine Kelley, Maria Duncan and Evelyn Manning and other relatives and friends.

Justice Milton and Betty Belcher of Montgomery, Ala. Wiley Brooks, Juanita, and Reehita of Enterprise, Ala. De'Nard Brooks, Alabama State University, Montgomery, Ala. and a group of Elba's Tigers football team.

***AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: Notable Quote: God speaks wherever He finds a humble, listening ear, and the language He uses is kindness. -Lena Horne, singer

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Brittini Ward to be in concert at The Elba Church of God on Sunday evening, December 4th

Brittini Ward a young 19 year old singer, will be ministering in song and word at the Elba Church of God on Sunday Dec. 4th at 6 PM. Brittini is from Petal, Mississippi and has

appeal to young and old. The public is welcome to attend, enjoy the concert and listen to this minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Down East Boys to be in concert at Hale's Chapel Baptist Church

The Down East Boys will be in concert on Friday night, December 9, 2005 beginning at 7 p.m. at Hale's Chapel Baptist Church, Troy, Ala. The church is located nine miles south of Troy on Hwy 29 (the Luverne Hwy). There will be no admission charge. A love offering will be received during the service. For more information, call (334) 566-6087 or (334) 566-4484.

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NOTICE

"Notice needs to be given that Caldwell Tanks, Inc., 4000 Tower Rd., Louisville, KY 40219 has completed all work on CITY OF ELBA- Elba, Alabama 300,000 GALLON ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANKS. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor, CDS Engineers, LLC, P.O. Box 278, Andalusia, AL 36420 and City of Elba, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL 36323. All claims should be filed within 30 days of publication of this notice. 11/17, 24, 12/1 & 8 chg.

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Russell Construction Co., Inc., Contractor has completed the Contract for Modernization of Public Housing Sites AL149-1, V and AL149-2, II CFP Modernization Number: AL09-P149-501-03 at New Brockton for the Housing Authority of the Town of New Brockton, Owner (s), and have made request for final settlement of said contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor and the Superintendent of the Water Works and Electric Board of the City of Elba. 12/1, 8 & 15 pd.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Gena Tewa, d/b/a Popper's Yellow Rose Saloon, have made application of the City of Elba for a Lounge Retail Liquor Class I License on premises consumption, at this location, 853 N. Troy Highway, Elba, Alabama. A public hearing will be held by the City Council in their regular meeting in the Council Chamber in City Hall at 5:30 p.m., Monday, December 12, 2005. 11/17, 24 & 12/1 chg.

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Angel Zavala, d/b/a Monterrey's Mexican Grill, have made application of the City of Elba for a Restaurant Retail Liquor License on premises consumption, at this location, 522 N. Claxton Ave., Elba, Alabama. A public hearing will be held by the City Council in their regular meeting in the Council Chamber in City Hall at 5:30 p.m., Monday, December 12, 2005. 11/17, 24 & 12/1 chg.

should immediately notify The Architectural Office of William J. Peek, 908 S. Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104.

RUSSELL CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.
305 S. Reese Ave., Elba, AL 36323
11-17, 24, 12-1, 8 chg.

ESTATE OF EARNEST HEXTON CAMPBELL DECEASED
PC-05-100

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to WAYNE E. SINGLETON, Personal Representative of the Estate of, ELLIS LEE EDDINS, Decedent.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to the undersigned the 15th day of November, 2005, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. It is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Rhonda Campbell, Personal Representative
/s/ John W. Campbell, Personal Representative
/s/ Joseph Ray Campbell, Personal Representative
11/24, 12/1 & 8 pd.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Notice is hereby given that Industrial Tank & Tower, L.L.C., 215 S. 24th Street, Post Office Box 1255, Laurel, Mississippi 39441 has completed all work on Elevated Storage Tank Contract No. 27 in Elba, Alabama. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor and the Superintendent of the Water Works and Electric Board of the City of Elba. 12-1, 8, 15, 22-chg

IN THE MATTER OF
NOAH T. JONES
DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO: PC-05-102

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to the undersigned the 2nd day of November 2005 by the Honorable Judge William O. Gammill, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this 22nd day of November 2005. /s/ TOTSU MURPHY JOHN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE 12/1, 8 & 15 PD.

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MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Many farmers still have a chance to vote for FSA County Committee elections

Many farmers and ranchers still have a chance to vote and make a difference in how the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Programs are administered. The FSA County Committee elections voting period began November 4, 2005, and will end December 5, 2005.

"FSA County Committees give local producers a voice in how the Agency's programs are administered in their communities," said David W. Eaddy, "They play an important role in making decisions on commodity price support loans and payments, conservation and disaster programs and other important agricultural issues."

Producers were sent election ballots in the mail the first week of November and must return their property completed ballot by December 5, 2005. Eligible producers who did not receive ballots by mail should contact their local USDA Service Center.

Learn more about Farm Service Agency County Committee by visiting a USDA Service Center or online at www.fsa.usda.gov.



BRIDGETT STEPHENS was the winner of the "No Smoking" bear. To celebrate Red Ribbon Week and promote a "drug-free" community, the Kinston School elementary students entered a drawing for the bear. Bridgett is a second grade student in Mrs. Jacob's class.

Risk Management and Insurance schedules pre-licensing school at TU

Troy University's Risk Management and Insurance program in the Sorrell College of Business has scheduled two 40-hour pre-licensing schools.

Life and Health will be Dec. 5 - 7 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily in Room 314 of the General Academic Building.

Property and Casualty will be Jan. 20 - 22, 2006 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily in Room 243 of Bibb Graves Hall.

A registration form must be completed in order to attend and may be downloaded from the RMI website at <http://spec-trum.troy.edu/~rmi/registrationform.htm>.

A fee of \$250 per course must accompany the registration at least 14 days prior to the beginning of the course.

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Coffee County Schools Menu December 5-9, 2005

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Monday - French Toast Sticks, Ham, Syrup, Cereal, Fruit Juice, Lowfat Milk	Monday - Cheese Pizza, Fish Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Black-eye Peas, Pudding Cup, Pear Slices, Hotdog Milk
Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit Juice, Lowfat Milk	Tuesday - Hot Dog, Sloppy Joe, Whole White Potatoes, Baby Carrots w/ Dip, Mandarin Oranges, Lowfat Milk
Wednesday - Chicken Nuggets, Turkey Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Fresh Fruit, Lowfat Milk	Wednesday - Biscuits, Sausage & Gravy, Cereal, Fruit Juice, Lowfat Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit Juice, Lowfat Milk	Thursday - Chile w/ Meat Sauce, Pork Rib-B-B-Q Sandwich, Baked Potato, Mixed Vegetables, Crackers, Fresh Fruit, Lowfat Milk
Friday - Pop Tarts, Cereal, Fruit Juice, Lowfat Milk	Friday - Lemon Baked Chick, Steak Sandwich, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cornbread, Fresh Fruit, Lowfat Milk

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Elba holds annual Christmas Festival



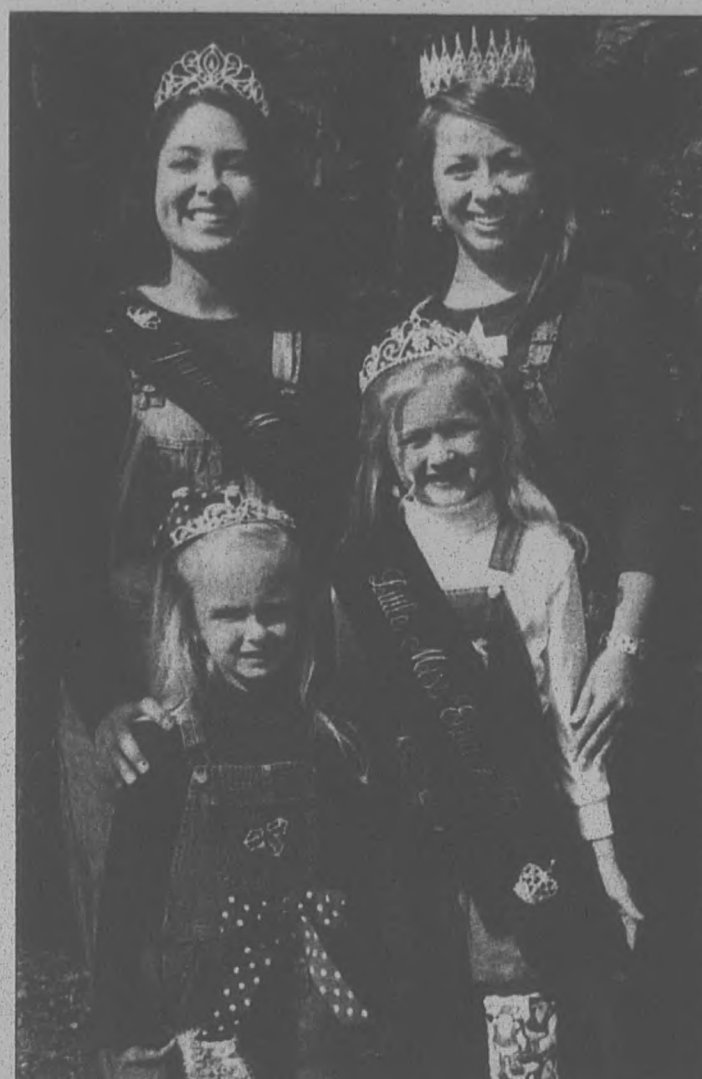
Friends Gale Olson and Duke Carr enjoy the festival.



Choir members from several local churches joined together to present a selection of Christmas music.



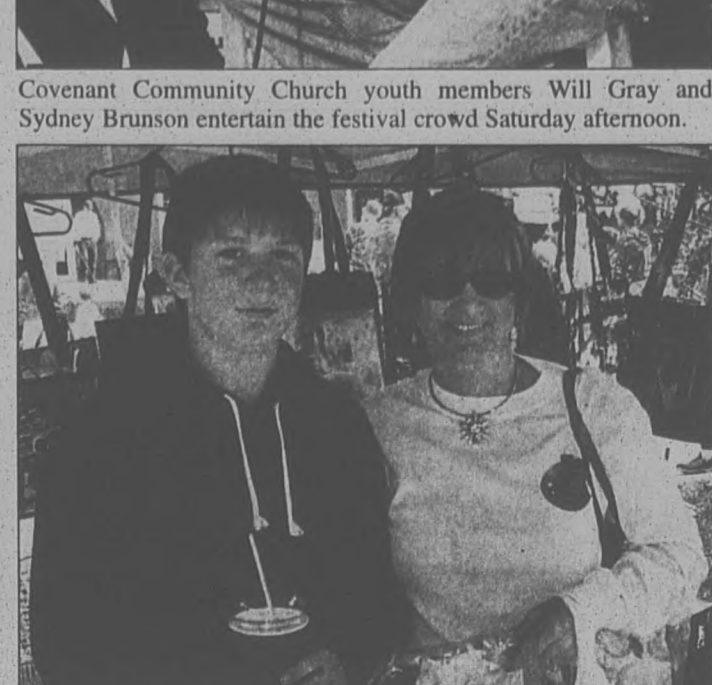
Covenant Community Church youth members Will Gray and Sydney Brunson entertain the festival crowd Saturday afternoon.



The City of Elba queens were all smiles as they made an appearance at the annual event. The queens are Future Little Miss Elba Brayton Martin, Little Miss Elba Caitlin Bradshaw, Junior Miss Elba Christina Bryant and Miss Elba Kendall Stinson.



Live reindeer were a major attraction added to this year's festival.



Melinda Vaughan and her son, Colton, get in a bit of shopping.



The Southern Express made tracks around the square throughout the day.



Shabang Dance Team members wowed the festival crowd.



Chara Benbow assists Whitney Anderson and Anna Anderson with their shopping needs.



Eva Medlock and Vickie Bailey take a curb-side break.



Mary and Jerry McMillan visit with friends around the square.



Dixie Darlings cloggers are annual entertainers at the festival.



Sue and Chippie Mauldin make their way around the square.



Janice McCall and Kay Wilson share information and encourage folks to become a FOEPL (Friend of the Elba Public Library).



John Martin Wilson entertains himself while family members watch the various entertainment.



Annsley Padgett enjoys watching the Shabang Dance Team along with her grandmother, Sylvia Padgett.



The giant slide was a big attraction for the youngsters.



Judson Vaughan, Kendall Stinson, Casey Medlock and Amber Pike enjoyed the food, fun and fellowship associated each and every year with the Elba Christmas Festival.

Scenes from Elba's Christmas Parade



SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mulatz, Sports Editor

After eating a big lunch and nibbling on leftovers all afternoon, the last thing I wanted to do Thanksgiving night was to stay up late. That couldn't be said of my family; however, as two of them left the house shortly after 10:00 PM to head over to Wal-Mart to get a good spot in line to purchase an early Christmas present. The sale didn't start until 5:00 AM the next day, which meant they both stood in line for almost seven hours to insure they got the "best price ever" on the coveted gift. Sorry, but this "ole Santa has never wanted a gift that bad!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Brantley Bulldogs continued their march toward a state high school football championship last week with a wild 43-31 win over American Christian Academy, of Tuscaloosa, and once again made it clear to everyone in the 1A ranks that they are indeed the team to beat in the hunt for the title. Brantley's Chris Booker had a big night on both offense and defense as he ran for over 200 yards and 3 touchdowns, caught two touchdown passes and returned a fumble 95 yards to set up a field-goal. Booker had been a weapon all season long running the ball, but Friday night showed he could also catch a pass, and did his best to off-set the strong passing arm of ACA's Chris Smalley, who passed for 563 yards in a losing effort. The Brantley defense bent at times, but seldom broke, and its four turnovers helped the Bulldogs survive the offensive shutout and advance to this week's Super Six. The Bulldog fans got to sit at the dinner table Thursday afternoon and have an extra helping of Thanksgiving goodies, while Friday night it was the Bulldogs that came through and gave their fans an extra helping of playoff football!

*** The Elba Tigers opened their basketball season last week in a tournament in Rehobeth and bounced back from an opening round loss to 6A Enterprise to claim wins over G.W. Long and Sloccomb. The Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in the loss to the Wildcats, but got balanced scoring in the next two games and showed all in attendance they would be a team to watch in the 2A ranks. With a roster that includes 13 seniors, the one thing this bunch should have is experience, and that showed with the Tigers rebounding to close the tournament with a 2-1 record. If Coach Johnson can keep his bunch focused and get all his players healthy, these Tigers could very well be a team to keep an eye on.

*** The three county schools all competed in last week's Thanksgiving Tournament in New Brockton, and the Kinston Lady Bulldogs posted a pair of wins to take home the title in the girls division. The Lady Bulldogs needed overtime to get past Zion Chapel, then rolled past Wicksburg in the championship game to push their record to 4-1 on the season. The season is still very young, but after two weeks the Lady Bulldogs appear to be the first surprise of the season! The Kinston Bulldogs settled for second place in the boys division with a win over Zion Chapel and a loss to Wicksburg. However, the Bulldogs played hard for all four quarters in both games and looked like a team that could very well claim more than its share of wins. Zion Chapel's girls posted a 1-1 slate to take home consolation honors and are much improved from a year ago, while the Rebel boys struggled and failed to score thirty points in either game as it remained winless on the young season. The hosts from New Brockton had mixed results, with the Gamecocks taking hard place with a consolation win over Zion Chapel and the Lady Gamecocks dropping both their games. The local flavor added to the interest of the annual event and made it a very successful tournament for all involved.

*** Elba Tiger football fans were excited back when the new classifications were released and many even predicted the Tigers would win more games as a 3A team that it had the past two seasons as a 2A squad. Much of that excitement dimmed late last week when the AHSAA announced it had reworked the classifications and that 4A power Geneva would drop down to 3A and would be placed in the same region as the Tigers. The Panthers replaced Calhoun in the region and that move gave the region three very good teams in Pike County, Straight and Geneva, not to mention Sloccomb, a team that knocked off T.R. Miller during the regular season. If for one thing we should get excited when the Tigers work hard and improve, not just when they are able to play a weaker schedule and claim some easy wins. Unless I miss my guess there will be no easy wins on next year's region slate.

*** Back early in the season Elba's Ronald McKinnon spent more time on the sidelines with the New Orleans Saints than he did on the field, but all that has changed now and the former Tiger standout has moved into the starting line-up and ranks fourth on the team in tackles. McKinnon has always been overlooked due to his lack of size and the fact he has never played on a winning team in his 11 years in the NFL. However, it came as no surprise when he got the chance to show what he could do and quickly impressed all the Saints staff and moved into the line-up on a weekly basis. He may never make a Pro Bowl and will never get a vote for the Hall of Fame, but Ronald McKinnon is what football is all about and that is playing for the love of the game.

*** New Brockton football fans are still wondering who will be the Gamecocks next head coach, and while many names have been mentioned, there have been no interviews held and the guess here is the administration will wait until after the first of the year to get the process started. The school officials understand how important football is to its students, alumni and supporters, and will take its time to make sure they get the right man of the job. There are some good assistant coaches already on board and I have heard at least one former assistant has put his name in the hat. I can think of a few more former Gamecock players that could fill the bill very nicely. So, it

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seems to me there will no shortage of very qualified coaches to choose from when the time comes.

PROGNOSTICATOR WRAPS UP PREP SEASON

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office early over the weekend and was still talking about Brantley's 43-31 win over American Christian Academy and the offensive show put on by the Bulldogs' Chris Booker and the Patriots' Chris Smalley. The local high school guesspert stated the game had to be an instant 1A playoff classic, and then left this week's picks for the state finals. Here goes....

BRANTLEY VS. ADDISON

The Bulldogs from up across the creek will hike up to the Magic

Off to early 2-1 start

Tigers claim two wins in holiday tourney

The Elba Tigers competed in the Rehobeth Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament last week at Rehobeth High School and claimed two wins in three outings to place fifth in the eight-team event.

Enterprise won the three-day tournament, followed in order by Alabama Christian, St. Paul's, Highland Home, Elba, Sloccomb, Rehobeth and G.W. Long.

Following are highlights of Elba's three games in the tournament:

ENTERPRISE 62

ELBA 50

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never recovered last Monday afternoon in a 62-50 opening round setback to the Enterprise Wildcats. Elba held its own early in the game and moved on top 10-8 with 4:29 left in the first quarter on a three-pointer by Brandon Kelley. However, Enterprise took command late in the stanza and used a 12-2 run to open up a 20-12 advantage early in the second quarter. The Wildcats extended their lead to 34-17 by the end of the half and never allowed the Tigers to get any closer than nine points in the

final two quarters as they rolled to the win.

Kikko Logan scored 13 points and pulled down 8 rebounds to lead Elba, while Mason Gully scored 12 points and had 4 steals and Brandon Kelley added 11 points and pulled down 15 rebounds. Nate Baxter scored 12 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead the Wildcats.

ELBA 64

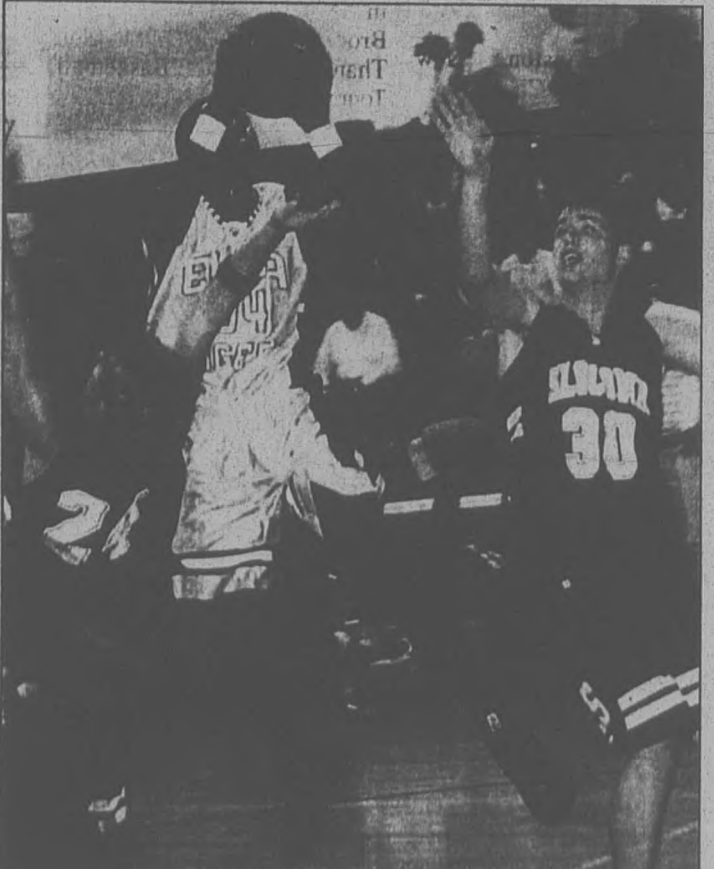
G.W. LONG 55

The Elba Tigers used a balanced scoring attack to down the G.W. Long Rebels 64-55, in second round action last Tuesday afternoon. Reymar Rodgers, Mason Gully and Ron Hill all scored 12 points to lead the Tigers, while Brandon Kelley added 10 and Shawn Abbott scored 8. Tee Morris led the Rebels with 23 points.

ELBA 63

SLOCOMB 57

The Elba Tigers closed out the tournament with a 2-1 record last Wednesday morning by defeating the Sloccomb Red Tops 63-57. Shawn Abbott scored 15 points to lead the Tigers, while Mason Gully and Kikko Logan both added 13 and Brandon Kelley scored 9.



Elba Tiger Reymar Rodgers drives for a basket in action last week in the Rehobeth Thanksgiving Tournament. The Tigers won two games last week to push their early-season record to 2-1.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
Zion Chapel at New Brockton (4:30) JV-VG-VB

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2
New Brockton at Elba (4:30) JV-VG-VB
Kinston at Sanson (4:30) JV-VG-VB

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5
Goshen at New Brockton (4:30) JV-VG-VB

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6
Elba at Zion Chapel (4:30) JV-VG-VB
New Brockton at Kinston (4:30) JV-VG-VB

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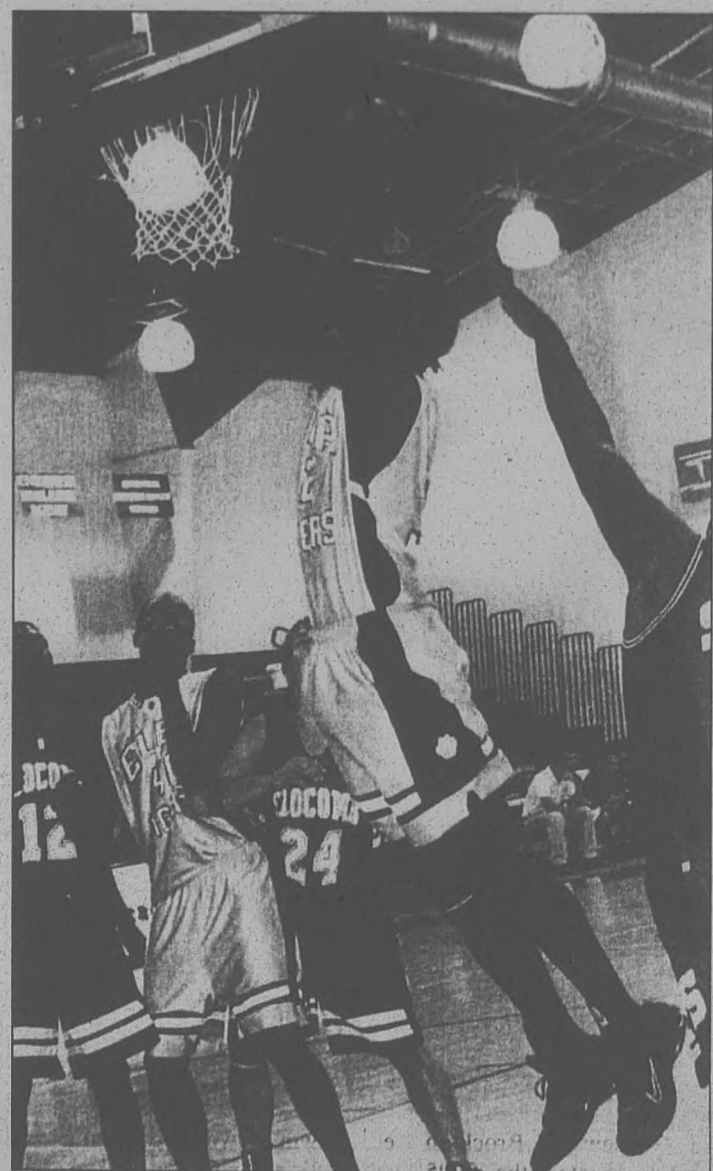
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City this week looking to lay claim to a state football championship, and while they have enjoyed being the underdogs in recent weeks, this week the 'Dogs could very well find themselves favored as the season draws to a close. While the role of underdogs is one these Bulldogs like, it is time they stand up and show everyone they are indeed the "Top 'Dogs" in Alabama.

BRANTLEY 22 ADDISON 20

OTHER PICKS:

Pike County 38 Cherokee County 13
UMS-Wright 31 Deshler 7
Homewood 28 Buckhorn 10
Southern Choctaw 21 Clay County 21
Hoover 35 Daphne 14



Elba Tiger Kikko Logan (2) goes high to score an easy basket inside in last week's win over Sloccomb. The Tigers claimed two wins in three games last week to place fifth in the Rehobeth Thanksgiving Tournament.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

Darrell Rudd takes vintage feature at final night of racing at South Alabama Speedway

By Mark Chisum

Darrell Rudd's vintage race car is painted white, but after Saturday night's feature, Rudd may want to consider changing the color to yellow.

Rudd took the lead from Teddy Sasser on lap six and led the remaining 20 laps to take the win, but not without some serious competition from Duane Bates. Bates had followed Rudd past the early leader and was constantly applying pressure. On two occasions, Bates was able to get past Rudd to take the lead. But both times the yellow flag flew, giving the lead back to Rudd.

The second caution period set up a green, white, checkered finish. Rudd was up to the task, getting a good jump on Bates to restart the race. Bates was unable to recover and settled for second.

In the Super Stock Feature, Will Mack made his first start in several months. Mack made the most of the occasion, taking the lead on lap six and going on to Victory Lane. Early leader Greg Adams chased Mack the rest of the way but could run Mack back down.

Kevin Peel passed Bret Hanson on lap eight and went on to win the Modified Feature. Once out front, Peel pulled away from the pack. Hanson had one last shot with a late caution, but Peel was able to keep Hanson behind him.

Sam Smith finished the season the same way he started - in Victory Lane. Smith won the season opening Rattler Street Stock feature and ended the season with another feature win. Smith started fifth in the feature. By the time Smith made his way to second, Tim Hudson enjoyed a sizable lead. But that was no problem for

SPORTS

Post one win and one loss

Kinston Bulldogs fall in tourney finals

The Kinston Bulldogs competed in the 2005 Southeast Sun/New Brockton Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament last week and posted one win and one loss to place second in the four-team event.

Wicksburg won the annual holiday tourney, followed in order by Kinston, New

Brockton and Zion Chapel.

Following are highlights of the Bulldogs' two tournament games:

KINSTON 51

ZION CHAPEL 26

The Kinston Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never looked back last Monday afternoon to

post a big 51-26 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, in the opening round of last week's tournament.

Zion Chapel jumped out to an early 5-1 lead and appeared ready to pull off an upset, but the Bulldogs Aaron Jacobs nailed a long three-pointer to spark a 13-0 Kinston run that allowed the Bulldogs to grab a 14-5 lead by the end of the stanza. Abe Childs scored from in close to pull Zion Chapel to within 17-10 midway through the second quarter. However, the Bulldogs regained command late and went on a 10-2 tear late in the half to carry a big 27-13 advantage in at intermission.

Kinston outscored Zion Chapel 14-4 in the third quarter to stretch its lead to 41-17, and the reserves from both teams came in late as the Bulldogs easily held on to claim the big 51-26 win.

Anthony Weeks scored 11 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Kinston, while Aaron Jacobs added 9 points and Josh Driver scored 7 points and grabbed 9 rebounds. Abe Childs scored 8 points and pulled down 3 rebounds to lead the Rebels, while John Wayne Lambert added 5 points and pulled down 5 rebounds.

WICKSBURG 66

KINSTON 56

The Kinston Bulldogs held their own early, but couldn't keep up the pace in the second half as the Wicksburg Panthers claimed the tourney title with a 66-56 win. Ramsey Phillips scored 21 points and Josh Driver added 13 points and grabbed 9 rebounds. Abe Childs scored 8 points and pulled down 3 rebounds to lead the Rebels, while John Wayne Lambert added 5 points and pulled down 5 rebounds.

KINSTON 40

ZION CHAPEL 38

Kaleigh Sanders hit two free-throws with only .04 remaining in overtime to lift the Kinston Lady Bulldogs to an exciting 40-38 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels, last Monday night in the opening round of the New Brockton Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament.

Kaleigh Sanders scored the game's first basket midway through the opening stanza and poured in all six Kinston points in the quarter, but Zion Chapel rallied late and used the inside scoring of Jennifer Taylor to sneak on top 7-6 after one quarter of play. Kinston outscored the Lady Rebels 8-0 to open the second quarter and moved ahead 14-7 with 3:08 remaining in the half. However, the Lady Bulldogs failed to score again in the half and watched as Zion Chapel cut the lead to 14-12 on a late basket by Ashley Parrish.

The two cross-county rivals swapped baskets for much of the third quarter, with the Lady Bulldogs pulling ahead late to carry a 23-20 advantage into the final stanza. Zion Chapel's Tori Hodge hit a free-throw with 4:05 remaining to pull the Lady Rebels into a 27-27 tie, and then nailed two free-throws with :16 left on the clock to pull the Lady Rebels even at 32-32 and sent the game into overtime.

Zion Chapel jumped ahead 34-32 early in the extra period on a bucket by Donna Flowers, but Kinston's Brittany Hunko led the Rebels.

NEW BROCKTON 50

ZION CHAPEL 24

The New Brockton Gamecocks posted their first win of the young season and claimed consolation honors with a big 50-24 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Rashard Andrews scored 11 points and Dominique Muhammad added 10 to lead the Gamecocks, while Adam Carter scored 10 points to lead the Rebels.

Lady Rebels place 3rd

Lady Gamecocks stumble to two straight losses in holiday tourney

A New Brockton Gamecock scores inside over a Zion Chapel defender in tourney action last week. The Gamecocks claimed third place with a win over the Rebels.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

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KINSTON LADY BULLDOGS - 2005 TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

Kinston Lady Bulldogs claim title at Southeast Sun/New Brockton Thanksgiving Tournament

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs rolled to two straight wins last week to claim the championship of the 2005 Southeast Sun/New Brockton Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament.

Wicksburg placed second in the four-team event, followed in order by Zion Chapel and New Brockton.

Following are highlights of the Lady Bulldogs' two wins:

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ZION CHAPEL 38

Kaleigh Sanders hit two free-throws with only .04 remaining in overtime to lift the Kinston Lady Bulldogs to an exciting 40-38 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels, last Monday night in the opening round of the New Brockton Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament.

Kaleigh Sanders scored the game's first basket midway through the opening stanza and poured in all six Kinston points in the quarter, but Zion Chapel rallied late and used the inside scoring of Jennifer Taylor to sneak on top 7-6 after one quarter of play. Kinston outscored the Lady Rebels 8-0 to open the second quarter and moved ahead 14-7 with 3:08 remaining in the half. However, the Lady Bulldogs failed to score again in the half and watched as Zion Chapel cut the lead to 14-12 on a late basket by Ashley Parrish.

The two cross-county rivals swapped baskets for much of the third quarter, with the Lady Bulldogs pulling ahead late to carry a 23-20 advantage into the final stanza. Zion Chapel's Tori Hodge hit a free-throw with 4:05 remaining to pull the Lady Rebels into a 27-27 tie, and then nailed two free-throws with :16 left on the clock to pull the Lady Rebels even at 32-32 and sent the game into overtime.

Zion Chapel jumped ahead 34-32 early in the extra period on a bucket by Donna Flowers, but Kinston's Brittany Hunko led the Rebels.

NEW BROCKTON 50

ZION CHAPEL 24

The New Brockton Gamecocks posted their first win of the young season and claimed consolation honors with a big 50-24 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Rashard Andrews scored 11 points and Dominique Muhammad added 10 to lead the Gamecocks, while Adam Carter scored 10 points to lead the Rebels.

Lady Rebels place 3rd

Lady Gamecocks stumble to two straight losses in holiday tourney



Kinston's Brittany Hunko (22) looks to drive past a Wicksburg defender in action at last week's holiday tournament. Hunko was named the tourney MVP for leading the Lady Bulldogs to the tourney championship.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

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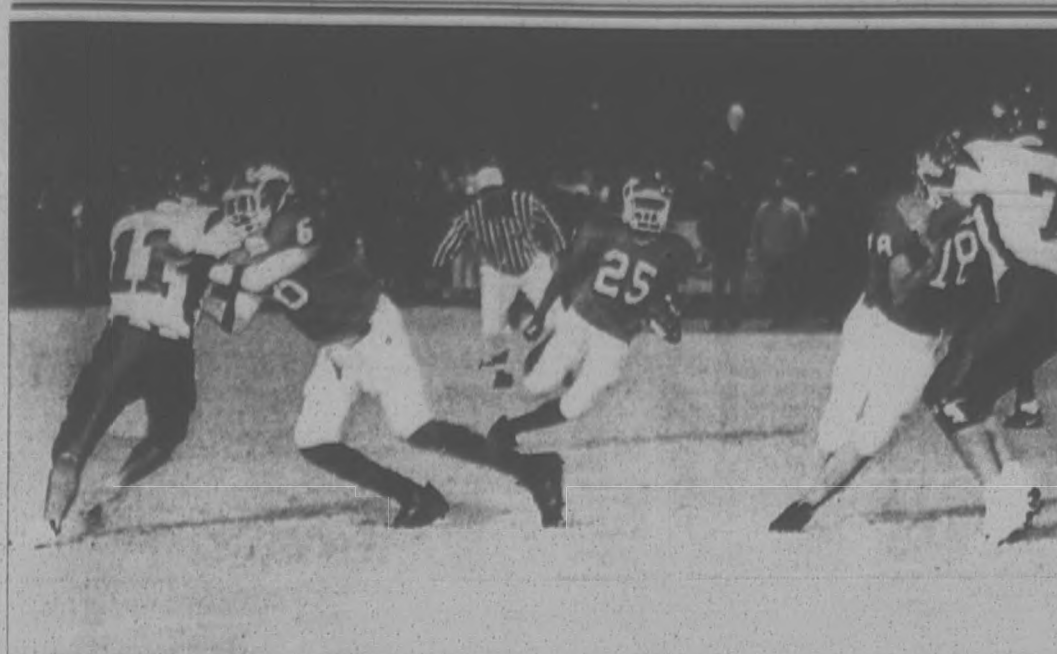
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SPORTS



Brantley's Chris Booker (25) looks for room to run as teammates Thad Frazier (6) and Shane Corley (18) make key blocks on the corner. Booker ran for almost 200 yards and 3 touchdowns in the Bulldogs' 43-31 win over American Christian in last week's Class 1A semifinal.

Win puts Bulldogs in 1A finals

Brantley runs past pass-happy Patriots 43-31

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson and Ricky Malarz

Birmingham Bound!

That is what the Brantley Bulldogs are after a 43-31 upset win Friday night over the previously undefeated American Christian Academy Patriots.

Highly-touted quarterback Chris Smelley led his Patriots to their grasp, only to see Brantley counter with a "Chris" of its own as the Bulldogs' Chris Booker scored five touchdowns

to lead the 'Dogs to the wild win.

Each team managed one first down before being forced to punt on its initial possession of the game, while a 22-yard punt return by Brantley's James Pittman set the Bulldogs up at the ACA 41-yardline to begin its second series. On Brantley's first snap Chris Booker took a handoff, dodged a tackler in the backfield and raced down the right sidelines 41 yards for the game's first touchdown. Marcus Owens' extra-point attempt sailed low, but with 6:48 remaining in the first quarter



Brantley's Chris Booker (25) reaches out to pull in a 25-yard touchdown pass in action last week in the Bulldogs' 43-31 win over American Christian. Booker caught two touchdown passes in the wild semifinal win.



Brantley defensive back Terry McClain (7) closes in as a Patriot pass receiver reaches for a pass. The Bulldogs intercepted three passes last week in their 43-31 win over American Christian.

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Brantley's Billy Frazier (4) drags down an American Christian runner for a short gain as teammate Rick Wiley (42) closes in to help. The Bulldogs held the Patriots to only 19 yards rushing last week in their 43-31 semifinal win.

next possession on a long 15-play drive. The Brantley defense bowed up after the Patriots got down close, however, and ACA had to settle for three-points as Luke Sheehan kicked a 25-yard field-goal to cut the Brantley lead to 22-10 with 4:35 remaining in the quarter.

The remainder of the game was an offensive show as the two playoff rivals combined for six touchdowns and kept the fans on both sides of the field on their feet.

James Pittman returned the ensuing kickoff 39 yards to the Brantley 44-yardline, and on the Bulldogs' first play from scrimmage Chris Booker took a hand-off up the middle, cut left and raced 56 yards for a touchdown. Marcus Owens booted the extra-point and with 4:13 left in the third quarter the Bulldogs were in charge with a big 29-10 lead.

The big lead didn't last for long, however, as two plays later Patriot quarterback Chris Smelley hit a streaking Jeffery O'Gren down the sidelines for an 81-yard touchdown. Sheehan added the extra-point and the Bulldogs' lead stood at 29-17.

Brantley moved the chains once on its next series on a 17-yard pass from Walker to Thad Frazier, and even though the drive stalled, the 'Dogs backed the Patriots up when Lance Morgan booted a 36-yard punt that was downed at the American Christian 10-yardline.

Brantley regained possession at the ACA 38-yardline when on fourth down Smelley was sacked by Marcus Owens, and the Bulldogs took advantage of the excellent field-position to cash in the scoring opportunity and stretch their lead.

The scoring drive consisted of five plays and was capped off when Edgar Walker found Chris Booker running free in the secondary and fired a strike to the speedy back on a 23-yard touchdown toss. Owens booted the extra-point and with 7:04 remaining in the fourth quarter Brantley's lead was up to 36-17.

Chris Smelley drove his team right back down the field as he completed five straight passes to spark the 60-yard drive. The

touchdown came on a 6-yard pass from Smelley to his brother Brad Smelley, and Jimmy Carr ran in the two-point conversion as the Patriots cut the Bulldog lead to 36-25 with 5:31 still left in the game.

Brantley received an on-sides kick at its own 40-yardline on the ensuing kickoff and stunned ACA when three plays later Chris Booker was in the end-zone against This time Booker took the ball straight up the middle, spun around a would-be tackler and raced down the sidelines 45 yards for a touchdown.

Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point and with 4:37 remaining on the clock Brantley's lead was up to 43-25.

American Christian put together a 13-play drive that reached the Brantley 12-yardline on its ensuing possession, but failed to cash in on the scoring chance and turned the ball over on downs.

Brantley gave the ball right back on a fumble at the Bulldog 17-yardline, and this time ACA got back into the endzone. Smelley connected with O'Gren on a 17-yard touchdown pass in the corner of the endzone, and while the two-

point attempt failed, Brantley's lead stood at 43-31 with 1:19 still remaining.

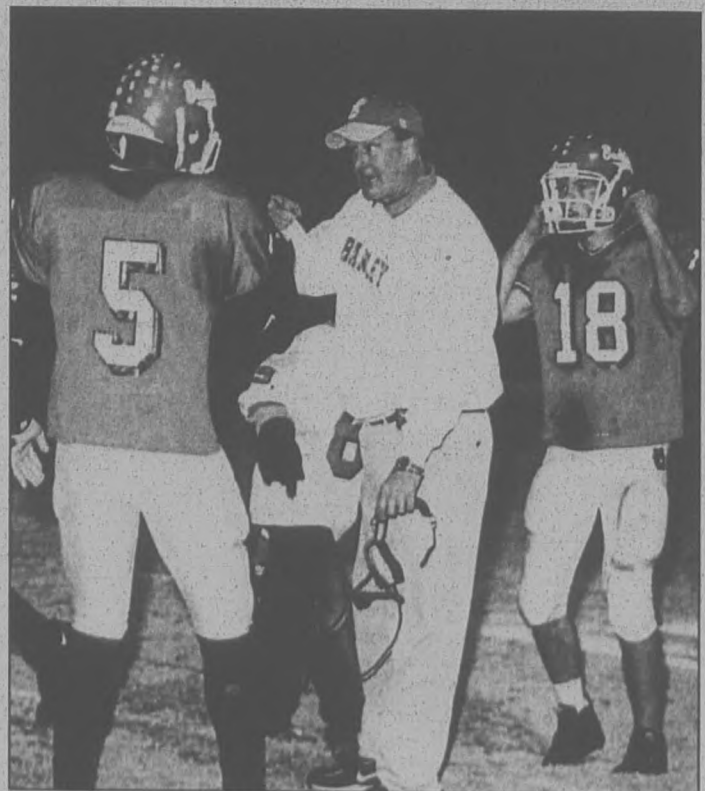
Chase Haws recovered an on-sides kick on the ensuing kickoff to give Brantley possession near midfield, and this time the Bulldogs were able to run out the clock as they punched their ticket to Birmingham.

Chris Booker led Brantley with 371 all purpose yards as he ran for 194 yards on 23 carries, caught four passes for 82 yards, returned a fumble 95 yards and scored 5 touchdowns.

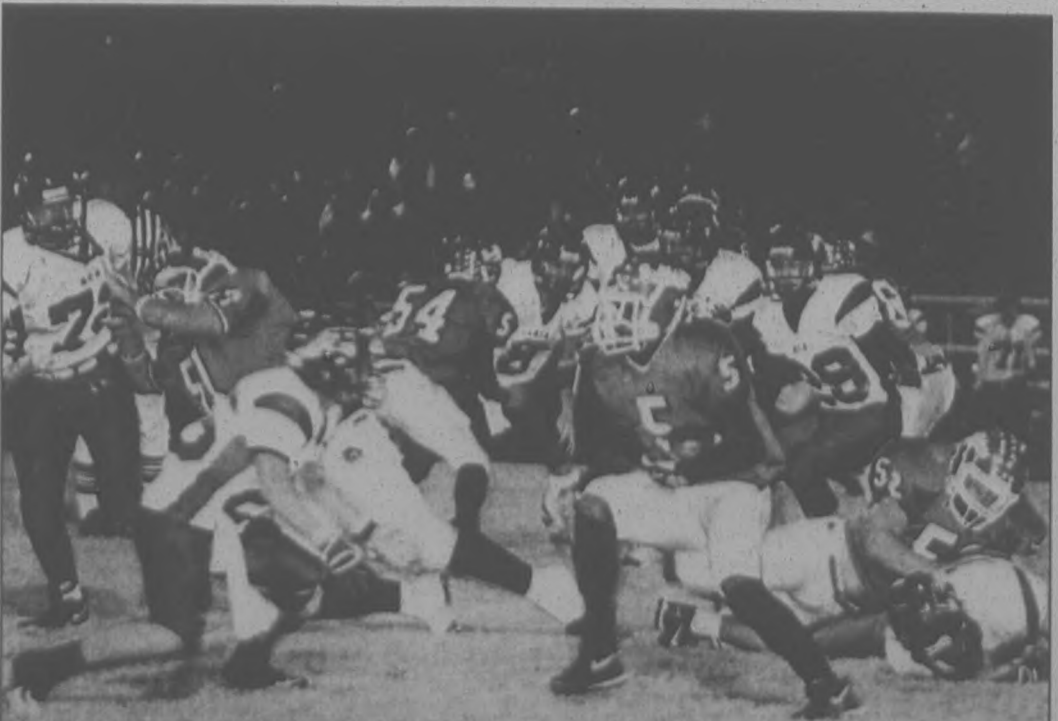
Chris Smelley had a big night for American Christian as he completed 30 of 58 passes for 571 yards.

STATISTICS

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16	1st Downs 21
40-248	Rushes-Yds. 13-19
155	Passing Yds. 571
403	Total Yards 710
9-13-0	Passes 30-58-3
245	Return Yds. 97
1	Fumbles Lost 1
2-25	Penalties-Yds. 3-49
2-44	Punts-Ave. 1-43



Brantley Bulldog head coach David Lowery gives instructions to James Pittman (5) during a time-out last week in the Bulldogs' semifinal win over American Christian. Listening to Coach Lowery's instructions is Shane Corley (18).



Brantley's James Pittman (5) looks to avoid a would be American Christian tackler as teammates Wesley Hall (57) and Trahern Garrod (52) make blocks. The Bulldogs ran for 248 yards on 40 carries last week in their 43-31 win over the Patriots and this week will be looking to add a third state championship trophy to the trophy case when they travel to Birmingham to battle Addison in the Class 1A championship game at Legion Field.

SPORTS



Brantley's Chris Booker (25) cuts outside the block of teammate Wesley Hall (57) and finds plenty of room to run outside. Booker gained 194 yards and scored 3 touchdowns on 23 carries last week to lead the Bulldogs past American Christian in the semifinals of the Class 1A state high school football playoffs.

In rematch of 1976 playoff loss

Brantley to meet Addison Friday in 1A finals

The Brantley Bulldogs have played the role of "Giant Killers" in this year's Class 1A state high school football playoffs as they have defeated defending state champ Sweet Water and top-ranked American Christian Academy en route to a berth in the state championship game.

Friday afternoon the Bulldogs will get the chance to add a third state football championship trophy to the school's crowded trophy case and earn a place in Brantley football history when they battle the Addison Bulldogs at Legion Field, in Birmingham, with the Class 1A state championship on the line.

Brantley will carry a 13-1 record and a 13-game winning

streak into the 3:00 PM contest, and should be sky-high after last week's wild 43-31 upset win over top-ranked American Christian Academy.

In the semifinal win, the Bulldogs rolled up almost 500 yards in total offense, with junior halfback Chris Booker grabbing the spotlight with over 200 yards and 3 touchdowns rushing, two touchdown receptions

and a 95-yard fumble recovery. Senior quarterback Edgar Walker also had a big night and kept the American Christian defense honest with his accurate passes, while over on defense the Bulldogs came up with four turnovers to turn back potential scoring threats and seal the win.

Addison has been a perennial

playoff participant in both the 1A and 2A ranks, and including this season has now been in the state playoffs 20 out of the past 21 years. The Bulldogs from Winston County have compiled a 30-19 record in those twenty playoff appearances. However, Addison's only state championship came way back in 1976, when the Bulldogs defeated

Brantley 21-6.

This season Addison dropped its season opener to Fayette 14-12, but since has rolled to 13 straight wins and has claimed wins over Hubbard 21-13, Vina 35-21, Phillips 50-13, Meek 54-7, Hazlewood 21-0, Shoals Christian 54-26, Hackleburg 47-13, Speake 49-13, Winston County 49-7, Lynn 49-16,

Valley Head 35-14, Winterboro 27-0 and Wadley 46-7.

In last week's semifinal win, Addison stunned heavily-favored Wadley 46-7 and rolled up 349 yards in total offense, with 271 yards coming on the ground, led by the 112-yard, two touchdown performance of Caleb Parker.

Since Addison's only state championship came in a win over Brantley, there can be little doubt its fans will be glad to see Brantley on the other side of the field. That last game was played 29 years ago; however, and this "Battle of Bulldogs" should be one that will be remembered for years to come!

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Tips for bagging a trophy buck

Luck is often the deciding factor on whether a hunter bags a trophy buck or not. We all know someone who was a novice hunter, maybe even on his or her first hunt, who bagged a monster buck. They may have been the hunter in your club that always slept late and wandered into the woods at 10:00 A. M., smoked on their stand, and didn't bother with scent control. There will always be this type of lucky hunter, but the real odds are that the ones who do their homework and prepare will bag the big bucks.

Deer hunters that I have known that were the most successful always devoted time to scouting before and during the season. Scouting for the next season should begin immediately after the current year season closes. Look for rub lines and scrape lines, and tracks. Chances are that if you locate a buck in February, he will still be in the immediate vicinity the next season.

Summer scouting is also important. Hunters hunting hardwood bottoms should look for oak trees that have a promising crop of acorns. Scan the canopy with a good pair of binoculars to determine if a tree has set a good crop of acorns. Once a producing group of trees are found, that's where a tree stand should be erected well before opening day.

Most successful trophy hunters I have talked to rank odor control as the most important factor in harvesting big bucks. Everyone knows we should hunt an area downwind (wind in our face) but this is often hard to do. Stands should be placed so a hunter can take advantage of the wind, no matter which direction it is blowing from.

Stands should be approached from the downwind side also. If one is forced to enter from the upwind side wearing rubber boots and dragging a scent rag behind both boots will help cover your scent. Clothes should be washed in a scent free detergent and stored in a plastic bag. Hunters who cook breakfast before the hunt will be wise to shower and put on their hunting clothes after cooking.

Shooting skill is another decisive factor in trophy buck hunting. One can do everything else perfect, but if they can't shoot accurately with a few rounds is not sufficient practice to insure a well-placed shot. Several sessions at a practice range will improve both marksmanship and confidence. Practice shooting using a rifle rest and offhand. One never knows when they will have only a split second to bag the buck of a lifetime. A lot of giant bucks are shot going to and leaving a stand. Acquiring the ability to snap shoot can pay off in this type situation.

And yes, we will continue to hear about the first time hunter who bags the largest buck in the county, but that's what makes hunting so exciting.

EOCC BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 1
EOCC at South Georgia Tech
Friday, December 2
Abraham Baldwin at EOCC
Wednesday, December 7
EOCC at North Florida

Alabama hunters urged to help feed the hungry

Conservation and Natural Resources Foundation, the

program raised funds through the Governor's Hunt for Hunger benefit quail hunt.

Donating food to the needy is just one of the many ways hunters help this state. We encourage all Alabama deer hunters to participate in this program. Hunters who know of local processors not participating in the Hunters Helping the Hungry program are asked to encourage their processors to become involved. It's not too late to be included in the program. Call (334) 242-3467 for more information or to sign on as a participating processor.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to help fund this program may send a check or money order to the Alabama Conservation and Natural Resources Foundation, P. O. Box 140, Montgomery AL 36101-0140. Hunters Helping the Hungry should be noted on the check.

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Pike County 41 T.R. Miller 21
Class 2A
Clay County 16 Lineville 12
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Class 1A
Brantley 43 American Christian 31
Addison 46 Wadley 7

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(Legion Field, Birmingham)
Thursday, December 1
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Class 4A
7:00 - UMS-Wright (14-0) vs. Deshler (12-2)
Friday, December 2
Class 1A
3:00 - Brantley (13-1) vs. Addison (13-1)
Class 5A
7:00 - Homewood (14-0) vs. Buckhorn (13-1)
Saturday, December 3
Class 2A
11:00 - Southern Choctaw (14-0) vs. Clay County (13-1)
Class 6A
3:00 - Daphne (13-1) vs. Hoover (13-1)

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SCHOOLS

FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton School News

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First impressions of high school life

by Stephanie Herold

It's true. We are all scared and nervous at various times in our lives. We might not like to admit it, but starting high school as a 7th grader is one of those times.

There are rumors that you might be thrown in a trash can if you look at a senior the wrong way, horror stories about teachers, and just the normal stress over learning where to go and what to do.

However, not everything you hear is true, and most students actually look forward to the new and exciting experiences. Students enjoy having lockers, coke at break, clubs, and pep rallies.

After surveying the 7th grade class on their first impressions of high school, many things quickly became clear.

This year's 7th graders most enjoy the teachers and how much freedom they seem to have. The biggest thing that they look forward to is joining varsity sports. And graduation is on everyone's mind, even though they have a long way to go.

This is what they had to say: **What is your favorite thing about high school?**

"The teachers are my most favorite." Christopher Marler
"I really like the new hand director. He's cool." Alyssa Brown
"Mrs. Barnhill." Kyle Peacock

What is your least favorite thing about high school?

"Do you look forward to anything later in high school?"
"I look forward to clubs and the varsity softball team." Heather Hendrix

"Yes, I look forward to getting involved in clubs." Brittany Clarke

"Graduating high school is what I look forward to." Angela Marshall

New coach leads NBHS basketball

by Josh Lindley

It's getting to be that time again. Basketball season here! The new coach, Paul Marsh, is definitely ready. He said his main goal this year is to make the playoffs, but he added, "Everyone is going to have to work hard and play as a team."

Many of the Coach Paul Marsh players look to Rashard Andrews to step up and lead the team.

In their words, "He is a senior who has been around for a long time."

Sticking with something deserves respect, and they think it's obvious that Rashard has the right attitude to set a good example.

Coach Marsh expects to win, but knows it will be a year of adjustments.

"Discipline is important," he said. "I want them to come together, give 100 percent, and play the game right."

It looks like everyone's anxious and excited about the upcoming season.

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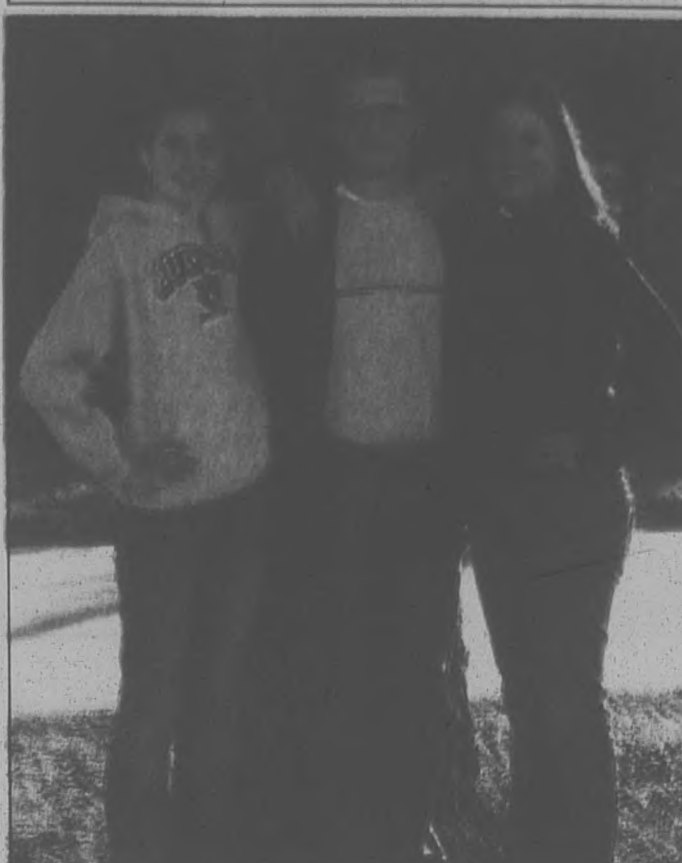
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Students of the Month



New Brockton High School's "Students of the Month" for November were: Heather Hendrix, Aaron Pope and Ashlie Caylor.

Seniors admit "what I wish I knew"

By the time you become a senior you realize you have learned some things that would have benefited you if you knew them earlier. The Cockpit staff recently posed the question "What I wish I knew" to the seniors, and here are some of our hard-learned lessons.

Many seniors wished they wouldn't have sweated the small stuff so much.

Kayleigh Watson put it this way, "I wish I knew not to worry about all the little dramatic things that go on. They really don't matter."

Many other seniors also wished they knew to stay true to themselves and the people that matter the most to them.

"Don't be someone you're not just to fit in. One day you'll have friends that love you for who you are." Britney Donaldson noted.

Not only that, but the seniors in many instances said they would have prepared themselves better academically.

Chad Anderson said, "I wish I would have paid attention in school then, because I fail everything now!"

John Sawyer said he thinks it's important to develop good study habits earlier, and Desman Harris wished he would have known to keep good notebooks.

In general, all the seniors wished they wouldn't have taken time for granted because it goes by so fast.

Tristan Terry put it the best way, "I wish I knew that life hadn't really started yet. Reality is setting in and I realize that the real world I thought I was in was just playtime. I'm graduating in '06 and decisions still have to be made."

Brad Sewell said, "I wish I wouldn't have stressed so much about tests. If you pay attention in class you will be okay." Robyn Martin added, "I wish I would have known how evil girls can be. They will rip your heart out and stomp on it without even thinking twice."

Bradley Nichols said, "The past, the present, and the future are only degrees of time, but what happens during that time is up to the only one that can measure it." Emily Hardigan added, "I wish I knew that tomorrow I will be the same person I am today and to love and accept myself." Delores Bell

square mile.

It sits near the famous landmark of the Twin Buttes, which was the site of a famous battle between the Crow and the Sioux Indians. The high school only has 66 students and seven teachers.

It really should be considered a village, and it makes New Brockton look like a thriving metropolis.

Brooklyn, Pennsylvania is the smallest of them yet.

It's almost impossible to find on a map, and the only information available is that there are several Catholic churches and a florist there. The children attend school six miles away.

New Brockton, Alabama has the advantage of being a close-knit community located on a highway.

In researching the "other Brocktons" it is clear that we should have pride in living and attending school here because we could be just another Brockton. But we're THE New Brockton, and we're truly unique.

365 people and is smaller than a

"Surviving" Ms. Wilkins' class at New Brockton

by Bethany Milligan

Outwit, Outplay, Outlast, the three components required to survive.

Over the past 27 years, seniors at New Brockton High School have been strategizing how to survive senior English. When asking Ms. Wilkins how to survive her class she simply replies, "Use your head!"

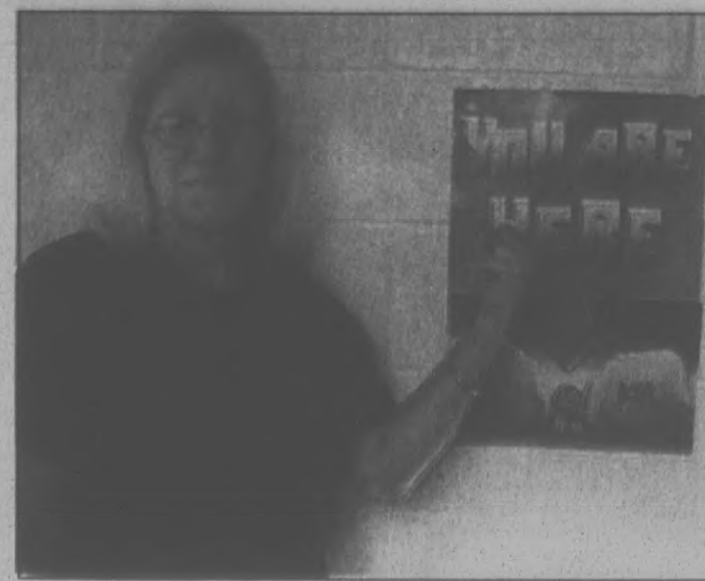
The only physical endurance required is staying awake in class. You must have mental alertness and pay attention.

Organizational skills are a must for keeping a complete and accurate notebook. The only alliance needed in class is with your textbook.

So, basically, the three O's required on Survivor are simply replaced by the big O on your shoulders and you use your head! If you follow Ms. Wilkins' advice, you are bound to win immunity and be the Survivor.

New Brockton Christmas Parade

Saturday, Dec. 3rd
4 p.m.



According to Ms. Wilkins, the key to surviving senior English at New Brockton High is for students to use their heads.

ABC's of New Brockton High

by Callie Hollis

Athletic - Nathan Foster
Bright - Monica Largess
Clumsy - Megan Grosland
Ditsy - Kayla Farnon
Excellent - Derrick Cook
Friendly - Nicole Garrison
Great - John Sawyer
Happy - Anna Beth Sawyer
Intelligent - Emily Hardiman
Joker - Brandon Farnon
Kind - Chase Hendrix
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Ordinary - Bridget Kelley
Pretty - Kaitlyn Turner
Quiet - Kim Kilpatrick
Rambunctious - Shane Adkison
Short - Kayla Purvis
Tall - Josh and Justin Allums
Unique - Daniel Kelley
Vivacious - Katie Richardson
Well-Known - Mr. Kelley
Xtravagant - Bethany Milligan
Young-Hearted - Vanessa Stuckey
Zany - Beth Vaughan

While he has been performing the duties of the job for several months now, the New Brockton Town Council approved a motion Monday evening, Dec. 5, supporting the mayor's official appointment of Dale Grimes as "acting" chief of police.

The motion was approved unanimously. Cole said Grimes has been a dedicated member of the New Brockton police force, and there have been times he doesn't know how the town would have made it without Grimes.

"I think we're fortunate to have someone like Dale Grimes," Cole said. "Hopefully one day in the near future we will remove the word 'acting' from his title."

The members of the council echoed the mayor's comments and agreed that whenever he is needed Grimes is always there.

Moved to tears by the council's action Monday evening, Grimes thanked them for the opportunity and their support.

"I appreciate the honor," he said. "We've come a long way and have a long way to go. Together we can get it done."

White said he appreciates the mayor bringing this matter before the council even though Cole has the authority to appoint a police chief without seeking the council's approval.

Cole said he asked for the council's support because, "we are a team."

Before moving on, Mayor Cole said although Grimes' title currently and officially is "acting" chief, he's going to call him

Barbara Herron offered an after-report Monday evening, and she said there were approximately 42 entries in the Christmas parade last Sunday, Dec. 3.

Herron thanked everyone who helped make the day a success.

In other business, Mayor Cole reminded everyone the town offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday.

He also said the offices will be closed Jan. 2nd and 3rd for the New Year's holiday. Due to the holiday, the town council's January meeting will be Monday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m.

The council approved a motion renewing New Brockton's contract with the Enterprise Rescue Squad.

The council approved a motion to pay the monthly bills totaling \$42,890.34 of which \$39,168.14 was prepaid and \$3,722.20 was to be paid.

Ingram said she believes the substitutes will like the Kelly program.

Ingram said she believes January will be an ideal time to begin the contract with Kelly.

Terry Bradshaw, four time Super Bowl winner and TV analyst, has chosen Mobile Attic as his Pick of the Week in a special feature series that focuses on America's best and brightest companies.

Each segment of Pick of the Week deals with hot topics facing those key business leaders who are helping drive America's economy.

Terry Bradshaw's Pick of the Week is a national television campaign focusing on critical issues facing business leaders today. In this series, Bradshaw provides comprehensive information on the current growth and high quality products and services of Mobile Attic - America's leading provider of mobile storage for residential and commercial customers.

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During New Brockton Town Council meeting Dale Grimes appointed "acting" chief of police

by Linda Hodge, Editor

While he has been performing the duties of the job for several months now, the New Brockton Town Council approved a motion Monday evening, Dec. 5, supporting the mayor's official appointment of Dale Grimes as "acting" chief of police.

The motion to support Mayor Charles Cole's appointment came from council member Jeff White with a second from council member Richard Driskell.

The motion was approved unanimously. Cole said Grimes has been a dedicated member of the New Brockton police force, and there have been times he doesn't know how the town would have made it without Grimes.

"I think we're fortunate to have someone like Dale Grimes," Cole said. "Hopefully one day in the near future we will remove the word 'acting' from his title."

The members of the council echoed the mayor's comments and agreed that whenever he is needed Grimes is always there.

Moved to tears by the council's action Monday evening, Grimes thanked them for the opportunity and their support.

"I appreciate the honor," he said. "We've come a long way and have a long way to go. Together we can get it done."

White said he appreciates the mayor bringing this matter before the council even though Cole has the authority to appoint a police chief without seeking the council's approval.

Cole said he asked for the council's support because, "we are a team."

Before moving on, Mayor Cole said although Grimes' title currently and officially is "acting" chief, he's going to call him

Barbara Herron offered an after-report Monday evening, and she said there were approximately 42 entries in the Christmas parade last Sunday, Dec. 3.

Herron thanked everyone who helped make the day a success.

In other business, Mayor Cole reminded everyone the town offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday.

He also said the offices will be closed Jan. 2nd and 3rd for the New Year's holiday. Due to the holiday, the town council's January meeting will be Monday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m.

The council approved a motion renewing New Brockton's contract with the Enterprise Rescue Squad.

The council approved a motion to pay the monthly bills totaling \$42,890.34 of which \$39,168.14 was prepaid and \$3,722.20 was to be paid.

Ingram said she believes the substitutes will like the Kelly program.

Ingram said she believes January will be an ideal time to begin the contract with Kelly.

Terry Bradshaw, four time Super Bowl winner and TV analyst, has chosen Mobile Attic as his Pick of the Week in a special feature series that focuses on America's best and brightest companies.

Each segment of Pick of the Week deals with hot topics facing those key business leaders who are helping drive America's economy.

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Searching for a safe drug-free environment at school

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Police Department and Elba City School officials were joined by several other law enforcement agencies Monday morning, Dec. 5, to conduct a routine campus search of the Elba City Schools.

Joining the Elba officials were officers with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, Andalusia Police Department, Department of Corrections and ABC board.

Using K-9 officers and metal detectors, the officials searched for any illegal items or items prohibited by school policy to be on campus.

The use of metal detectors during the search allowed school officials to locate and confiscate items such as knives or any other instrument that might be deemed as a weapon.

"We have a zero-tolerance on drugs here at the Elba City Schools," said school resource officer Dean Blair. "The reason we conduct these type searches is to make sure our students are able to attend school in a safe drug-free environment."

Blair said officers wrote five or six citations to students that had tobacco products on campus. Also, he said one white male juvenile was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana second degree.

Blair said the student was arrested on campus and transported to the juvenile detention center in Dothan. As of press time this week, he reportedly was being held at the center awaiting a hearing set for Thursday (today), Dec. 8.

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